Attorney Docket No. 156.005US01

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-29 (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) A floor profile arrangement, in particular for bridging a joint between two adjacent

floor coverings, comprising

- a base profile,
- a covering profile with at least one sideways projecting covering wing, and
- a web arrangement as a connection between the base profile and the covering profile,
- and with an articulation arrangement,
- the articulation arrangement consisting of an articular cavity disposed on the base profile or the covering profile and an articulation element formed on the lower or on the upper edge of the pivoting web arrangement.

 [[.]]

 wherein at least one of two downwardly extending webs of the web arrangement of the covering profile has elongations spaced apart from one another to which recesses formed in the base profile are allocated, whereas a difference in length is provided between the two webs of the covering profile that substantially corresponds to the thickness of a horizontal side piece of the base profile.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the articulation element is at least partially cylindrical, and the articular cavity is at least partially hollow-cylindrical.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the articulation

element is at least partially spherical, and the articular cavity is at least partially hollow-spherical or partially hollow-cylindrical and the connection between the articular cavity and the articulation element is releaseable.

Serial No. 10/576,887

Title: FLOOR PROFILE ARRANGEMENT COMPRISING A JOINT

- 33. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the base profile has two upwardly extending side pieces between which the articular cavity is formed.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein at least one base surface is formed on the articulation element, and at least one counter surface is formed on the articular cavity and the base surfaces in the articular cavity are formed like a pitched roof, and the counter surfaces on the articulation element are formed correspondingly.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein stop surfaces are formed to the side of each of the side pieces and counter surfaces are formed on the web arrangement and the stop surfaces are formed respectively on the longitudinal edges of the side pieces, and counter surfaces are formed on an allocated outer surface of the web arrangement.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the web arrangement has two webs running parallel, forming a channel between them, and the covering profile also has two webs which each encompass the webs from the outside.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the web arrangement has two webs running parallel, forming a channel between them, and the covering profile has a web which can be inserted into the channel and the webs of the covering profile and the side pieces of the central profile fit closely together.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein the web arrangement has a web, and the covering profile has two parallel webs a distance apart from one another which encompass the web from the outside.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 36, wherein the channel between the two side pieces of the web arrangement is formed, at least in sections, as a

threaded channel for a screw, and at least one hole is disposed in the covering profile through which the screw can pass.

- 40. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 37, wherein the covering profile is provided with a plurality of holes by means of which the covering profile can be screwed into the threaded channel by means of the screws.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 36, wherein the webs of the covering profile and the webs of the web arrangement have snap-on means for mutual snap-fastening.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 36, wherein on the lower side of the covering profile above the side pieces of the central profile a groove-shaped indentation extending in the longitudinal direction, or at least an aperture/recess is formed.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 37, wherein the clearance D of the articular cavity in the base profile is of a width greater than the inner distance between the two webs of the web arrangement.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to claim 30, wherein the base profile is substantially L-shaped and has a substantially horizontal side piece and a substantially vertical side piece, whereas the covering profile with respect to the base profile has a side pivot region of +/- 20 degrees in relation to a full circle with 360 degrees

45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to claim 30, wherein on the web arrangement and on the base profile, in the region of the articulation arrangement, are formed in sections recesses the dimensions of which are chosen such that a section LG of an upper articulation element can be inserted into the recess between two sections of the lower articulation element.

Serial No. 10/576,887

Title: FLOOR PROFILE ARRANGEMENT COMPRISING A JOINT

- 47. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to claim 30, wherein by a design in the form of a joint bridging profile, a stair edge profile or a corner edge profile.
- 48. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 44, wherein on at least one of the side walls of the web arrangement allocated to one another on the one hand, and the webs of the covering profile on the other hand, a tilting projection is formed.
- 49. (Previously Presented) The floor profile arrangement according to Claim 30, wherein on the base profile two articulation channels are formed on different height levels for the articular cavity, a desired breakage seam is formed between the two articulation channels and the upper articulation channel is disposed on a base.